

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)

**Arizona State Parks
1300 West Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona
Basement Board Conference Room
Monday, October 5th, 2009
10:00 AM**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Chair, who was teleconferencing, requested that the Vice Chair, Theresa Nesser, chair the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

HPAC Committee Members Present:

Winston Thorne, Jr., Chair (via teleconference)
Theresa Nesser, Vice Chair
Victor Linoff
Joseph Nucci

Committee Members Not Present:

Bonnie Bariola
Tami Raml

Arizona State Parks Staff Present:

Danielle Silvas, Grants Coordinator
Vivia Strang, National Register Coordinator, SHPO
Ruth Shulman, Administrative Assistant, Grants
Joseph Roth, Administrative Assistant, SHPO
Bill Collins, Deputy SHPO

Guests Present:

None

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Theresa Nesser requested a roll call of the members, which verified that a quorum of the Committee was present for the meeting to move forward.

Victor Linoff took a moment to acknowledge Ruth Shulman for all her hard work with the Committee over the years and to wish her well.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from the September 21st, 2009 Meeting.

The Committee members received a copy of the minutes prior to meeting for review.

MOTION: Joe Nucci made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Victor Linoff and passed unanimously.

2. Historic Preservation Grant Project of the Year.

Prior to the meeting, the Arizona State Parks Grants Section selected the top five scoring grant projects of the past year and distributed those selections to the Committee for consideration of selecting one overall grantee to receive special consideration as "Grant Project of the Year."

Winston Thorne recommend the Children's Museum of Phoenix at Monroe School as his top choice for its historic & cultural significance, historic integrity, as well as the adaptive re-use as a museum which benefits the community. The other members of the Committee concurred with this decision after some discussion. Additional comments by Victor Linoff included the fact that since this was a continuing multi-phase project, it could bring a more positive "visible" effect to the public as to the importance and need of the Heritage Fund.

MOTION: Victor Linoff moved that the Committee accept the Children's Museum of Phoenix at Monroe School as the "Overall Grant Project of the Year." The motion was seconded by Winston Thorne, and passed unanimously.

D. WORK SESSION

1. Discussion of Items to Include in the Report to the Arizona State Parks Board in November 2009.

A draft of the proposed report, which will be presented by Winston Thorne and Victor Linoff to the Arizona State Parks Board at the November meeting, was distributed to the Committee members for review and comment. The Committee felt that the document was very concise and highlighted all of the major points well, although some minor changes would be necessary. It was suggested that a visual element be added to the Board presentation, to which the Parks Grant staff agreed to supply an existing PowerPoint presentation to the Committee, which could be easily adapted for their presentation to the Board. Also presented to the Committee was a graph showing grant distributions over the last decade, and after some discussion, it was agreed to include the graph in the report, with some minor changes.

The Committee also felt that the report needed to suggest a course of action to see that discussions would continue between the Committee and Board to plan ahead for the future. A plan needs to be in place on how to move forward when funds are restored. Some Committee members felt that because of the fact that "committed money" for approved grants was pulled, it shows the instability of the grant program, and in turn may cause some applicants to second guess "taking a chance" on a grant that could be cancelled after they have invested a lot of time and money into their projects.

Joseph Nucci felt that they need to stress to the Board that the HP Grant is the only "Brick & Mortar" funding that is available in Arizona, and that it is a good time for them to be working with the Board since their membership is changing and this information will be seen with "new eyes."

It was suggested that it might be more productive to have a combined meeting of all the Committees/Commissions with the Parks Board to discuss problems and solutions, which they all share.

E. REPORTS

1. Update on the Reinstatement of Suspended Grants.

Danielle Silvas reported that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) met on September 22nd with a favorable finding on the Parks proposed budget. This was the last step in the reinstatement of the Heritage Fund grants that were suspended in February 2009.

Parks is encouraging applicants to utilize funds as quickly as possible, as the continuing State Budget shortfall could result in the sweeping of any remaining monies at year's end. Governor Brewer has already requested that all State agencies look over their current budgets and work to identify possible cuts of 10-15% more.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Present.

G. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS, AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

1. HPAC Informational Items to Forward to the Arizona State Parks Board.

Parks has compiled a "packet" for presentation to the Parks Board, and has requested that the Chair compose a cover letter for it, prior to the report's submission to the Board.

H. SET DATE FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be Monday, December 14th, at 10:00 am at Arizona State Parks in Phoenix.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Nesser called for adjournment at 11:44 AM.

Minutes prepared by:

Joseph Roth, Administrative Secretary, State Historic Preservation Office

Minutes approved on: _____ (Date)
(no changes)

_____ Chair's Signature

Minutes approved on: _____ (Date)
(with changes)

_____ Chair's Signature